



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**PROFESSIONAL CODERS RECOGNITION DAY**  
APRIL 8, 2005

**WHEREAS**, professional medical coders identify patterns of disease and illness, as well as trends in the procedures and services provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of medical codes for disease and injury prevention has contributed to understanding correlations between illness and injury and possible treatments, including heart disease and stroke, viral infections, infectious diseases, and motor vehicle and workplace injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past decade, medical coders have advanced the prominence and professionalism of their vocation through extensive education and training; and

**WHEREAS**, the integrity and high standards of medical coders have contributed to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' campaign against fraud and abuse in medical reimbursement; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota's local chapter representatives of the American Academy of Professional Coders and all medical coders throughout the state are recognized for their dedication and contributions to the optimal health of all North Dakotans; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 8, 2005, **PROFESSIONAL CODERS RECOGNITION DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State